

House Resolution 1310

By: Representatives Jenkins of the 8th and Johnson of the 37th

A RESOLUTION

1 Congratulating Mrs. Dora Hunter Allison Spiva on the occasion of her 101st birthday; and
2 for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Mrs. Dora Hunter Allison Spiva was born on February 10, 1905, to James A.
4 Hunter and Martha Lucinda Souther Hunter and was reared in Choestoe in Union County;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, raised in a family that greatly valued education, Mrs. Spiva was educated in the
7 public schools at Choestoe and Old Liberty before attending the Collegiate Institute at
8 Blairsville; and

9 WHEREAS, after graduation, Mrs. Spiva began teaching at the Collegiate Institute, thus
10 initiating what was to be an illustrious career in education; and

11 WHEREAS, for 30 years, she touched countless lives as an educator in Union County,
12 teaching mathematics at Union County High School for several years and serving for a period
13 as principal of Young Cane School; and

14 WHEREAS, in all, Mrs. Spiva spent 40 years as a teacher before retiring in 1970, during
15 which she earned the immense respect of students and colleagues with her kindness,
16 dedication, and passion for learning; and

17 WHEREAS, a devout Christian, Mrs. Spiva has been a faithful member of the Choestoe
18 Baptist Church throughout her life, serving for over 75 years in the church's Woman's
19 Missionary Union, as well as a Sunday School teacher and superintendent; and

20 WHEREAS, when Truett-McConnell College was founded in 1947, Mrs. Spiva provided
21 instrumental support along with other Baptists in her area, and in recognition of her

1 invaluable contributions to education in North Georgia and to Christian causes, the school
2 decided to name its recently established four-year degree program in education in her honor;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, Mrs. Spiva has continued to stay active in her community through her
5 involvement in organizations such as the Blairsville Garden Club, and she is widely admired
6 by her friends and neighbors for her compassion, vitality, and impeccable character; and

7 WHEREAS, in the course of an extraordinary lifetime of service to her community, Mrs.
8 Spiva has made this world a better place in which to live, and it is only fitting and proper that
9 she be appropriately recognized on the very special event of her 101st birthday.

10 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
11 the members of this body join in expressing their congratulations and best wishes to one of
12 our state's most honorable citizens, Mrs. Dora Hunter Allison Spiva, on the happy occasion
13 of her 101th birthday and thank her for all her many contributions to Georgia.

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
15 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mrs. Dora Hunter Allison
16 Spiva.